

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING SERGEANT JAMES T.
HACKEMER

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sergeant James T. Hackemer, a veteran of the Iraq War who tragically died in an accident on July 8, 2011 at the age of twenty-nine.

A native of the Village of Gowanda, Sergeant Hackemer joined the military after graduating from Gowanda High School. He had hopes of becoming a state trooper after serving his country. Sergeant Hackemer's selfless ambitions made him a model of heroism for his generation.

In March of 2008, Sergeant Hackemer was in southern Baghdad when a bomb exploded under his vehicle. The disaster robbed him of both his legs and his left hip. After spending the next three years in physical therapy, Sergeant Hackemer defied his doctors' expectations by regaining his ability to walk again with the help of prosthetic legs.

After leaving the hospital, Sergeant Hackemer returned to his life in Western New York. Even while struggling with his loss, Sergeant Hackemer made an effort to enjoy life through spending time with his friends and family and learning how to bike again. His story is a lesson of hope for everybody in his community.

Sergeant Hackemer is survived by his wife, Alycia, and his two young daughters, Kaelynn and Addison.

It is my honor to pay tribute to Sergeant James T. Hackemer's life, and I offer my deepest condolences to the Hackemer family for their loss. His resolute spirit and valor will be remembered by those in his community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, due to being unavoidably delayed, I missed the vote on the Polis Amendment to H.R. 2219 (Roll No. 529). I would like to reflect that I would have voted against this amendment, which failed by a margin of 113–307, had I been present to record my vote.

CRAIG OLIVE "PUTTING PEOPLE
FIRST"

HON. RENEE L. ELLMERS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

Mrs. ELLMERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge my dear friend Craig Olive.

Since taking office in December, 2002, as Johnston County's Registrar of Deeds, Craig Olive has made tremendous strides in efficiency, innovative office automation, streamlining services, reducing costs to citizens and going the extra mile to serve the people of Johnston County.

Craig has been consistent in his efforts to reduce fees, maximize office efficiency, improve computerization and automation of services, and provide excellent customer service for Johnston's citizens. He implemented a recording software program, to streamline the process of recording documents at a cost savings of over \$300,000 in a five year period. He has automated the marriage license process—allowing issuance of a license in 10 minutes. He has also automated the issuance of other vital records, i.e., birth and death certificates, reducing waiting time and increasing productivity. He has digitized all records dating back to the beginning of the county; mid-1700s. Craig was the first Registrar of Deeds in North Carolina to follow the North Carolina Secretary of State's standards and submit an "eRecording." Craig's office was the first in the Nation to electronically record a survey map. Through the automation of his office, Craig has been able to increase the efficiency of his office, while at the same time saving valuable tax dollars.

In service to the county and State, Craig has spearheaded the effort to have legislation enacted that would conceal individuals' Social Security and driver's license numbers from appearing on the Internet, via public records.

Craig and his staff always go the extra mile while treating everyone with respect. In February 2010, NC Secretary of State awarded Craig with the Honorary Keeper of the Constitution for outstanding recordkeeping of public documents.

Craig has been consistent in carrying out policies and methods that have reduced fees and costs for citizens and professionals, improved productivity and efficiency through automation, and has consistently made sure that his office provides outstanding customer service. Mr. Olive, through his service, provides the blueprint of how a Registrar of Deeds office should be run in order to provide the highest levels of efficiency, productivity, innovation and service for the people of this county.

HONORING SCOTT CITY, KANSAS
FOR ITS DESIGNATION AS A 2011
"ALL-AMERICAN CITY"

HON. TIM HUELSKAMP

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

Mr. HUELSKAMP. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the citizens of Scott City, Kansas. In June 2011, the National Civic League recognized Scott City as an "All-American City." Only ten communities across the country received this honor.

Scott City presented to a panel of judges three projects involving community collaboration. First, community members shared information about how the town has been holding potluck dinners and fiestas to bridge gaps that exist among different cultures. These events have facilitated greater dialogue and understanding among the various populations of Scott City.

Second, community members presented information about how town volunteers and First Baptist Church transformed a vacant storefront and warehouse into a community youth center. Known as "Area 96," this site provides a safe and welcoming place for young people to spend their free time, as well as a site for other community groups to utilize.

Third, Scott City residents shared how they have used the renovation and expansion of the Scott County Library as an opportunity to transform the role of the Library in the community from just a building to a community information center. Not only have they increased youth services and youth-driven programs, but they have also expanded their services and offerings for English language learners.

The achievements of Scott City, Kansas demonstrate that the efforts of communities and individuals provide the true backbone of America. I congratulate Scott City for this remarkable and well-deserved honor.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE
CASCADIA MARINE TRAIL STUDY
ACT

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Cascadia Marine Trail Study Act.

The Cascadia Marine Trail is a unique, 150-mile long water trail stretching from the Canadian border south through the San Juan Islands and Puget Sound to Olympia. It was started in the late 1980s by local kayaking enthusiasts wanting to highlight the 5,000-year old small-boating tradition along the water trail. The trail's popularity with both tourists and local boating enthusiasts is a testament to its grassroots beginnings and extensive local support, making it a valuable economic and natural State resource.

The Cascadia Marine Trail has been recognized as a significant environmental and tourist resource, including its 1994 designation as a National Recreation Trail and in 1999 as a National Millennium Trail. In 2005, the American Canoe Association (ACA) designated the trail an ACA-Recommended Water Trail. The trail's 55 safe pull-out zones and campsites are managed by a multitude of State and local agencies, despite its extensive length.

First introduced in 2009, the Cascadia Marine Trail Study Act directs the Department of Interior to study the feasibility of adding the trail to the National Trail system. During the

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